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SUBJECT: AD HOC BALTIC FISHERIES COMMITTEE MEETING

1. SUBJECT MEETING WAS HELD IN WARSAW JANUARY 5-9, 1976 WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL BALTIC NATIONS PRESENT. AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO RECOMMEND TO THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING THAT MEMBER NATIONS SHOULD NOT ESCALATE THEIR FISHING EFFORTS FOR HERRING, SPRAT AND COD DURING 1976. STATISTICAL CATCH DATA FOR 12 YEARS ARE BEING USED TO ARRIVE AT TAC ALLOCATIONS. MINIMUM MESH SIZES WERE DISCUSSED BUT NO DECISIONS WERE MADE. TONNAGE DECIDED ON AND MINUTES OF MEETING WILL BE AVAILABLE TO RFA WHEN THEY ARE ISSUED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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2. COMMENT: THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT AT THIS TIME TO

COME DOWN HARD ON BALTIC FISHING EFFORT BUT ONLY TO
HOLD PRODCUTION TO PAST LEVELS. RUSSIA APPARENTLY
IS THE LARGEST PRODUCER AND RFA DID LEARN THAT DURING
THEIR BEST YEAR OF THE 12 YEAR PERIOD EXAMINED, THEY
PRODUCED 43,000 TONS TOTAL. HOWEVER, THE RUSSIAN
DELEGATE AT THIS MEETING ANNOUNCED THIS FIGURE WAS
INCREASED TO 50,000 TONS IN 1975 AND THE COMMITTEE
ACCEPTED THIS LATTER FIGURE. AN INORDINATE AMOUNT
OF DIFFICULTY OCCURRED IN THE SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATIONS
BETWEEN RUSSIAN, POLISH AND ENGLISH. THIS WAS DUE TO
THE LOW QUALITY OF POLISH INTERPRETERS. THE SAME SITUATION
OCCURRED WITH THE WRITTEN TRANSLATIONS WHICH DELAYED
PROCEEDINGS AND PRODUCED SHORT TEMPERS AT SEVERAL POINTS
IN THE PROCEEDINGS. THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING IS
SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER WITH LOKKEGAARD OF DENMARK IN
THE CHAIR.
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